

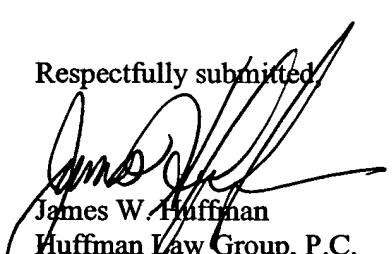
Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-45 are pending in the application, that claims 37-39 are rejected, and claims 1-36 and 40-45 are allowed. By this amendment, claims 37-39 have been canceled. However, Applicant notes that claim 22 was canceled in the response to the first office action. Thus, claims 1-21, 23-36 and 40-45 are pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant earnestly requests the examiner to telephone him at the direct dial number printed below if the examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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